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## FEBRUARY 2.

Mr. JOHN H. REDFIELD in the chair.

Twenty-six persons present.

*On a Post-tympanic Ossicle in Ursus.*—Dr. HARRISON ALLEN called attention to an ossicle in the skull of the bear. It is situated over the point of junction of the squama and the opisthotic elements as these bones enter into the formation of the mastoid. The bone was seen in the skull of young individuals only. The species examined were *Ursus Americanus*, *Ursus horribilis*, and *Ursus maritimus*.

The posterior prolongation of the tympanic elements which are so conspicuously developed in *Mephitis* and *Taxidea* are absent in *Ursus*. It is every way probable that the new element described is a member of the tympanic series, but instead of being found in the space between the mastoid and the paramastoid it is placed at the tip of the bones which enter into the composition of the mastoid. The name *post-tympanic* is accordingly proposed for this bone.

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## FEBRUARY 9.

Mr. EDW. POTTS in the chair.

Seventeen persons present.

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## FEBRUARY 16.

Mr. THOS. MEEHAN, Vice-President, in the chair.

Nineteen persons present.

The following papers were presented for publication:—

“On the Minute Structure of Stromatopora and its allies,” by Dr. C. Rominger.

“On the Problem of Reversed Vision,” by Charles Morris.

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## FEBRUARY 23.

The President, Dr. LEIDY, in the chair.

Twenty-four persons present.